

Additional Information Regarding the Parentage of James "Jimmie" Adda Anders

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In Jan 2011, I was contacted by a woman named Jari Dykes whose husband is related to lines that connect with the Anders line. She offered some additional evidence and explanations regarding the parentage of my 2nd great-grandmother James "Jimmie" Adda Anders.

In the original analysis, the point had been reached where in the 1880 United States census Jimmie was living with her half-brother Roland Edwin Slater and her step-father Thomas Slater (in the household of Thomas' father S. T. Slater in Lee County, Texas). The name woman presumed to be the wife of Thomas Slater in the census is Annie. I had assumed at the time that this was just a transcription error and that this woman was really my 3rd great-grandmother Mittie Boatwright, the mother of both Jimmie and Roland who had remarried to Thomas Slater after the death of her first husband, Jimmie's father, James W. Anders. This was not a correct assumption. I was also missing primary documentation for the marriage of Mittie and Thomas.

For some unexplained reason, Mittie Boatwright Anders and Thomas Slater were married in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on 07 Oct 1877. This coincides well with the birth 10 months later of Roland. In addition, the marriage is indexed in both Alabama marriage indexes and Texas marriage indexes (as Thomas Slater m. Mintie Anders). This leads me to believe the marriage was filed in Texas for some specific reason, but I have no idea why.

To explain the woman named Annie in the 1880 United States census, we turn to another marriage record. Thomas Slater married A. M. Shaw on 23 Sep 1879 in Milam County, Texas (Milam County marriage records, Book 16, Page 263). This woman is apparently Annie Moore who married John P. Shaw on 10 Feb 1877 in McClellan County, Texas (McClellan County marriage records, volume A, page 39) and must have been subsequently widowed.

Since Thomas had remarried, Mittie Boatwright presumably died between 11 Aug 1878 when Roland was born and 23 Sep 1879 when Thomas remarried. I would venture to guess she died in or near childbirth in late 1878. This explains why Jimmie's grandfather John Demostinie Anders is seeking custody of her in 1880. She is now an orphan at the age of 6 years old. This evidence more firmly ties Jimmie and her father James to John and his Gilleland / Boatwright ancestry and Austin's Old Three Hundred.

The only remaining mysteries regarding Mittie Boatwright are the location of her grave (which would likely give her birth/death dates) and her parentage. I am quite confident that Mittie is a descendant of Thomas Boatwright, Sr. who was also an ancestor of Mittie's first husband James W. Anders (which would make this yet another Anders cousin marriage). We are also still missing the grave of James and information about his death and estate probate.

Although not an ancestor, some additional information regarding Annie Moore has been found as well. She was the daughter of Jim Moore and Margarett Curry. After the death of her second husband Thomas Slater to consumption in about 1882, she remarried to Thomas' half-brother Lee Slater on 12 Mar 1883 in Lee County, Texas (Lee County marriage records, book ?, page 289). After Lee's death to consumption about 1896, she married her 4th husband George Robertson Jay on 12 Nov 1895 in Milam County, Texas. Altogether, Annie had at least 7 children with 3 of her husbands. The death certificates of her children and her marriage licenses document well her story and also what happened to Mittie Boatwright.

